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SUBJECT: ISRAELI SUSPENSION FROM UN

REF: A) PARIS 19143 (B) PARIS 18873 (NOTAL)

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH QUAI DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR
LEPRETTE JULY 24, EMBOFF COMMENTED APPROVINGLY ON
FRENCH ACTIONS TO HEAD OFF MOVES FOR ISRAELI SUSPENSION
FROM UN. LEPRETTE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FONMIN
SAUVAGNARGUES HAD TAKEN EARLY ACTION BY SPEAKING
SHARPLY TO SYRIAN FONMIN KHADDAM. HE SAID MOST RECENT
ACTION WAS THAT EUROPEAN COUNCIL WENT ON RECORD AS
INSISTING ON "UNIVERSALITY" IN UN. LEPRETTE CONCLUDED
THAT NOW THAT OUR POSITIONS WERE WELL KNOWN, TIME HAS
COME FOR ALL OF US TO STOP PUBLIC STATEMENTS LEST WE
ACTUALLY PROVOKE ARABS INTO PRESSING CAMPAIGN FOR
WHICH THERE MAY BE LITTLE ENTHUSIASM.

2. LEPRETTE THEN EXPLAINED THAT SINCE THE RENEWAL OF
UNEF MANDATE, IT WAS BEST TO ASSUME ISRAELI SUSPENSION
WAS NO LONGER LIVE ISSUE. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT
MUSLEM CONFERENCE RESOLUTION, FOLLOWED BY EXPECTED OAU
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RESOLUTION, MIGHT CREATE MOMENTUM WHICH COULD HARDLY

BE STOPPED BY OUR PLAYING OSTRICH. LEPRETTE SAID
THAT CAREFUL READING OF JIDDA RESOLUTION APPARENTLY
SHOWS THAT MUSLEMS DID NOT SAY PRECISELY WHEN ISRAEL
SHOULD BE SUSPENDED FROM UN. SINCE UNEF EXTENSION WAS
DECIDED SUBSEQUENTLY, LEPRETTE FELT IT WAS GOOD TACTIC
TO ASSUME PRESSURE FOR ISRAELI SUSPENSION WAS OFF.
THIS WOULD PERMIT MODERATES, ACTING ON BASIS OF WHAT
THEY KNOW TO BE COMMON WESTERN POSITION ON THIS ISSUE,
TO CONVINCE THE ACTIVISTS THAT THEY CAN LET THE MATTER
DIE WITHOUT LOSING FACE.

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